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REMARKS

In the Final Office Action dated June 10, 2005, the Examiner has rejected the subject matter of claims, 1, 3, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) alleging that it is anticipated over the disclosure of U.S. Patent No. 4,646,663 to Needs. The Examiner has further rejected claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the Needs patent; and has also rejected the subject matter of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 contending it is unpatentable over the Needs '663 patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,771,579 to Hopf.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 8 and 11 are objected to, but contain allowable subject matter and would be placed in allowable condition if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the final rejection Applicant has undertaken to amend the claims, placing claim 8 in independent form by combining it with claim 1 and canceling the old claim 8. The remainder of the claims have been amended to correctly depend from new claim 1 which is now in the form indicated as being allowable by the Examiner.

In view, therefore, of the amendment to the claims, and the explanation set forth herein, reconsideration of allowance of the present application is respectfully requested. Any questions regarding this application should be directed to the undersigned.

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